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Majority prices were unchanged in the West, higher elsewhere. Trade sentiment was about steady to fully steady. Demand into all outlets covered the full range, but was mostly light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to short with smaller sizes in the closest balance. In the parts structure, supplies of breast items were balanced to tight with good movement; however, boneless skinless breasts were more available. All other parts were at least sufficient with light interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 10/25-10/30/99 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD	LOADS	WTD	LOADS
		AVG		AVG	
Bos/New Eng	50.50-52.00	50.82	17	54.99	40
Chicago	47.00-50.00	49.78	54	52.17	86
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	56.43	28
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	59.69	13
Denver	63.50	63.38	17	63.25	29
Detroit	46.00-51.00	50.96	12	53.15	47
Los Angeles	64.00	62.54	69	62.19	136
New York	49.00-51.00	49.70	30	57.53	79
Philadelphia	47.00-50.00	49.44	9	50.89	23
Pittsburgh	48.00-49.50	49.20	10	55.29	59
St. Louis	49.50	49.30	19	52.13	44
San Francisco	64.50	63.68	30	63.35	95

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	10/25/99	Change/Last Wk	10/18/99	10/26/98
679	57.35	1.99	55.36	66.05

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
REGIONS	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
East	54.00-57.00	54.96	34
Central	53.00-58.00	56.02	60
West	56.00-65.50	62.23	57

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	57.00-58.50	57.72	85
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 58.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,145	57.35	56.98

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice pack parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	147.50	4,124
BREASTS - WHOLE	72.00	2,109
THIGH MEAT - B/S	62.00	574
LEG QUARTERS	19.50	8,841
WINGS	58.00	3,024

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was light to moderate, best where featured. Supplies were well balanced to closely cleared with some plants running reduced schedules this week. In the parts structure, breast items were adequate to close balanced with good movement, particularly bone-in. All other parts were at least adequate with light movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WEST COAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market was steady to fully steady. Final majority prices were unchanged from last week. Trading on WOGs for this week's deliveries were at unchanged to higher prices. Offerings were in fairly good balance and held with confidence. Demand by stores was fairly good to cover planned ads particularly in the Northwest and northern California, moderate elsewhere. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. Breasts were fully steady to firm and balance of parts generally steady. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was up 3.72 at 57.38 and the volume reported was up 4 percent at 29 loads compared to last Monday's level.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices for this week's deliveries into Chicago were 4 cents higher, up 3 to 6 cents into Detroit, increased mostly 3 cents in St. Louis and TFEWR into Ohio. Whole fryer trade sentiment was steady. Movement into all channels was slow to fair, best into areas with active features. Floor stocks were in a full range, mostly adequate with sizes desirable. Parts trading was slow to moderate with white meat features stimulating demand best. Supplies of all items were adequate or available with whole breasts in best balance. Trade sentiment was steady to firm on bone-in breasts, mostly steady on the remainder.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly moderate as buyers cautiously assessed needs for this week. Offerings of smaller sizes were short to adequate, and the larger sizes were more than sufficient for current trade requirements. Retail and distributive movement was usually fair to good. The market tone was steady. In the parts market, bone-in breasts continued to be reported as tight to adequate, and all other items were at least adequate. The market tone was about steady.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate to good for fill-in needs. Offerings were adequate to short and were in the closer balance on the smaller sizes. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 51 to 63 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breast were in generally good balance. Boneless skinless breasts and leg items were fully adequate. Wings were noted as readily available and slow to clear at some plants, short at others.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR
IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP
SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK
CITY FROM DELMARVA. **BRANDED U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	47-67
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	55.18
NO. OF BOXES	9,529

*6 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest was usually quiet as most buyers were working on existing inventories and purchasing only when necessary. Bone-in breasts continued short to adequate and all other items were at least adequate for current trade needs. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally slow, and ads this week were competing with other attractively priced proteins. The market tone was about steady. PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135	142.79	373,840
TENDERLOINS	140-145	145.57	78,800
BREAST - WITH RIBS	63-64	71.38	210,200
BREAST - LINE RUN	63	67.47	98,000
LEGS	26-27	31.30	110,440
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16-17	17.47	265,606
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	31.14	81,430
THIGHS	17-18	28.33	77,520
B/S THIGHS	69-70	73.06	38,680
WINGS (WHOLE)	57-58	64.82	179,920
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.91	30,240
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	52.59	49,456
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	49.65	28,400

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	740	130.00-152.00	137-140	138.86
TENDERLOINS	198	150.00-189.00	150-158	157.16
BREAST - WITH RIBS	496	67.00-71.00	67	67.57
FRONT HALVES	280	53.00-55.00	53	53.29
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	247	15.00-18.00	15	15.57
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,046	17.75-19.00	17.75	17.80
WINGS (WHOLE)	141	40.00-65.00	45-51	47.67
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	NO TRADING REPORTED			

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	10/25	10/21	10/21	10/18	10/14
ALA	3,830	3,831	5.11	3,836	5.09
ARK	5,193	5,158	4.76	4,886	4.73
DELMARVA	2,353	2,323	4.94	2,265	5.00
KY-LA-TN	1,787	1,696	4.47	1,513	4.40
MISS	2,810	2,786	5.11	2,640	5.04
NC	2,591	2,555	5.73	2,516	5.70
TEXAS	2,103	2,178	4.84	2,047	4.72
TOTAL	20,667	20,527	5.00	19,703	4.96
MON	20,667(A)			19,703(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 25-Oct 1999 is estimated to be 30,920,000 up 4.58 percent from a week ago and up 3.12 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 29,566,000, last year 29,984,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND. POUNDS

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	673	120.00-185.00	135-140	139.49
TENDERLOINS	178	140.00-200.00	-	171.85
BREAST - LINE RUN	80	73.00-85.00	-	73.60
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	16	23.00-33.00	23-24	28.00
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	552	14.00-18.00	15-17	15.68
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,098	19.00-20.00	19	19.22
WINGS (WHOLE)	126	56.00-57.00	-	56.63
WINGS (CUT)	523	61.00-77.00	66-68	66.86
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	81	51.00-68.00	-	53.68

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR OCTOBER 25, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

	TODAY'S RANGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
	30.50 - 46.50	42.67
		37.84

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION PARTS PRICES PER LB., ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 10/25-10/29/99

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	120.00 - 147.00	135.00 - 140.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	63.00 - 76.50	65.00 - 70.00
LEGS	29.00 - 36.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	14.00 - 23.00	17.00 - 19.00
DRUMSTICKS	29.00 - 36.00	26.00 - 28.00
WINGS (WHOLE)	45.00 - 61.00	51.00 - 53.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 15.00	-
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	24.00 - 45.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	30.00 - 50.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

CENTS PER POUND. RANGE

WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	76-91
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	79-97
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	88-93
FROZEN DUCKS	135-149
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	80-82
ROASTERS 4# & UP	82-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	83-88
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	309
RABBITS-CUT UP	326

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	107
	ICE PACK	91-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	112
	ICE PACK	104
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	98
	ICE PACK	91
DUCKS		149-166

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. OCTOBER 22,1999

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00-18.00	-	17.00	18.00
WTD AVERAGE	17.15		17.00	18.00

1,437,000 pounds, this includes 320,000 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	17.00-17.50	-	17.00
WTD AVERAGE		17.25		17.00

440,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	14.75-17.00	-	13.00-16.00	13.00-16.50
WTD AVERAGE	16.74		13.19	14.91

1,966,000 pounds, this includes 626,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	13.50	-
WTD AVERAGE			13.50	

200,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Trading levels were higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were seasonally active. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 LBS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER
THE WEEK OF 25-OCT-99

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-19.5	11-13	12.54

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. OCTOBER 22,1999

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00-19.00	18.00	13.00-15.00	15.00
WTD AVERAGE	17.50	18.00	14.08	15.00

333,500 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	16.50-17.00	18.50-19.00	11.00-14.00	13.00-14.00
WTD AVERAGE	16.57	18.86	11.47	13.79

2,294,800 pounds, this includes 1,305,600 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	15.00	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE	15.00			

204,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Majority price was irregular when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were fully adequate but not as available as last week. Demand was moderate. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER
THE WEEK OF 25-OCT-99

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-16.5 CENTS/LB.	8-12.5	10.66

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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